

## Elba Music Lovers Hold Meeting At Church

Mrs. Robert Holliman and Mrs. Mabel Street were hostesses to the Elba Music Lovers' Club that was held at the Elba First Baptist Church on Thursday, December 10.

A delicious dessert plate was served to the members from a lovely decorated buffet in the social hall of the church.

The president, Mrs. George L. Collier, called

the meeting to order and presided over a short business session. A new member, Mrs. Jimmy Bryan, was welcomed into the club.

Mrs. Kimmy Ham, program chairman, presented the guests, Miss Mary Collier, to Mr. Holliman to the Club and announced the program for the afternoon.

An impressive devotional was given by Mrs.

Price Ringo. She used Luke 2 to tell the Christmas story and added several thoughts on "How to Keep Christmas."

To Mr. Robert Holliman and Miss Mary Collier, Terry Burts and Mrs. Paul King who put all in the Christmas Spirit by playing variations on "Jingle Carols," and "O Holy Night."

After the club sang the hymn of the month, "Silent Night," the meeting was adjourned. The present were Mrs. Thomas Abraham, Mrs. Jimmy Bryan, Miss Jeanette Garrett, Mrs. George L. Collier, Mrs. Nellie Martin, Mrs. Fox Brunson, Mrs. George Collier, Mrs. W. C. Howell, Mrs. Edwin Cooper, Mrs. Phyllis Morris,

Terry Burts, Mrs. Bill Hickman, Mrs. Jack Padgett, Mrs. Robert Davis, Mrs. Kimmy Ham, Mrs. Randy Griffin, the hostesses and the guests.

**THE PEANUT IS FAST BECOMING A STAR.** This is so, BECAUSE OF THE EFFORTS OF THE ALABAMA PEANUT PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, THE PURPOSE, of course, IS TO GET MORE PEANUTS AND PEANUT PRODUCTS CONSUMED.

RESEARCH IS BEING DONE TO ENCOURAGE NEW USES FOR PEANUTS AND PEANUT PRODUCTS.

Producers are stressing the nutritional value and economy of peanuts and peanut products. This is done in many ways. Dozens of health magazines and newspapers have carried peanut related stories. Hundreds of food editors are kept up-to-date with recipes and peanut nutrition information.

It is believed that THE PEANUT PROMOTION, year after year, probably REACHES MORE HOME MAKERS THAN almost ANY OTHER COMMODITY GROUP. There is more to the story.

ALABAMA AND GEORGIA PEANUT GROWERS HAVE DEVELOPED ONE OF THE LARGEST NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS EVER TO GET PEANUT BUTTER SOLD IN COOPERATION WITH A MAJOR FOOD COMPANY. Product displays, including posters of special peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are in thousands of super markets across the country. ALABAMA PEANUT PRODUCERS ARE WELL PLEASED WITH ALL OF THIS BECAUSE IT SELLS MORE PEANUT BUTTER. And, we should especially happy about it because we furnish the largest share of peanuts that go into peanut butter in the United States.

ALL IN ALL, IT AMOUNTS TO ONE OF THE MOST CONSISTENT YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT PROMOTIONS OF ANY COMMODITY GROUP IN AMERICA TODAY. This is only part of the story, but IT'S ENOUGH FOR EVERY GROWER TO GIVE HIMSELF A PAT ON THE BACK.

ALABAMA PEANUT  
PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

## GREETINGS

In the true spirit of the season, we wish you all the "old-fashioned" joys of the holidays... the ever-new delights of good friends around you, good times and good cheer, and the gladness of exchanging gifts and greetings.

And, in a spirit of sincere gratitude, we wish to extend our thanks for your favors and friendly good will.

### CITY OF ELBA

Tom Doss, City Clerk



JACK BRUNSON, Mayor



MACE COOK



CLEO HAWKINS



DONNIE MORROW



CHARLES JACOBS



SAM SAWYER

*To the Family.*

## A LATE MODEL CAR FOR CHRISTMAS

Present Them With

Club Plans

Bake Sale

December 18

There will be a bake sale on the courthouse square Saturday, December 18, from 9:00 till 12:00. This sale will be sponsored by the "Three Seasons Study Club." Items for sale will include cookies, cakes, candies, and pies.

Selected

From Our

\$70,000

Inventory.

SANTA CAN'T  
GET IT DOWN  
YOUR CHIMNEY - BUT  
WE CAN DELIVER IT

We Have 1971 Models  
and Down  
Which Must Go  
By December 31 -  
At Prices Santa Can Afford

Cook Chevrolet

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# The Elba Clipper

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Christmas -  
A Day Of Love  
A Day For Family Togetherness  
The Charles P. Hayes III Family



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## CHRISTMAS FAMILY

The Elba family selected to serve as the "Elba Christmas Family" this year is the Charles P. Hayes, III, family. The family is shown on the front page. They are about to enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner in their home on Clinton Avenue. The family consists of Charles, Becky, Katrina, age 11; Phillip, age 9; Celina, age 4.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO.....

With sparkle in her eye, Lori Sells, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Ed Sells, appears to be looking forward to the Christmas festivities as she poses through Christmas wreaths.

The innocence of a child, we join her in looking forward to the excitement of the holiday season.

Smokey's friends don't play with matches.



TAX CRUSH HURTS, SURVEY SHOWS

Merry Christmas

## Senator Sparkman Answers Questions From Readers

**QUESTION:** Will 1972 be as good economically as 1971? **SPARKMAN:** I have great confidence that 1972 will be another good year. After all, the Phase II policies are effective, and if there is the desired pick-up in investment stimulus, the economic situation continues at its present relatively high level. Then, I think we can attain a rate of growth of 5 percent or possibly more. This will not restore full employment, but it will be getting closer to eliminating and increasing the chance of attaining it in 1973. **QUESTION:** What is the most serious economic problem facing us today? **SPARKMAN:** The most seri-

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR...

Mr. J. F. Cox, Editor  
THE ELBA CLIPPER  
Elba, Alabama

At this time of year we traditionally count our blessings, and remember our friends. The wholehearted cooperation of you and your staff is a joy that cannot be considered lightly. Your usage of our informational material has been a significant factor in increased public awareness of social security. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your appreciation to you and your staff and wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Sincerely yours, Ted A. Gamble, District Manager

## Consumers Want to Know

by MARGARET SPADER  
Director of Consumer Affairs  
National Association of Manufacturers

Why do bread wrappers list "calories proportionate to content"?

Since the composition of bread is defined in FDA regulations, only preservatives must be listed and required by law. Caloric proportions are added to bread to retard spoilage. It is the calcium salt of propionic acid, a compound found widely in natural and processed foods.

Q. I am a single woman

in my late thirties. As the result of an accident, I have lost my job and my savings. I was 10 and have never worked under social security. My father who was my sole support died recently.

What are many different food additives used in bread?

Food additives are used in bread and yeast foods, often as preservatives that prevent the bread from becoming moldy in the home. Some additives may be added to the dough itself at high temperatures to keep bread prices down. Before food additives can be used, they must first be determined safe by the FDA. Then they must prove to be useful. Finally they can only be used at the level permitted. This is to achieve a balance. No additive will be sold at the same time the sale of silver dollars will be strictly limited.

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# SPORTS

with JOHNNY MARTIN

Dear Santa;  
Please leave the following gifts under my tree:  
Books of favorite subjects of sport writers.

For Ed Marinaro, a Heisman Trophy so that he will not feel slighted.

For Coach Paul Bryant, an edition of Lou Musso's grant-in-aid for just one more year.

For "Shug" Jordan, a shooting star to show the world the Wishbone. I mean, although he needed one for his birthday earlier in the year.

For Jack Nicklaus, just money bags, and lots of them.

For Pat Sullivan, a trophy case with plenty of space.

For Howard Cosell, boxing gloves to stand off Muhammad Ali.

For Farrell Burk, a can of No-Slice to spray on his driver.

For Buddy Windham, a set of woods so his golf bag won't look so empty.

And for yours truly, a shotgun with a patterned barrel. I haven't brought many home lately.

On a more serious note, Coach Doug Carmichael's Elba Tigers brought home the trophy from the Opp Christmas Invitational.

## Funeral Services

### Held For

#### J. C. Jones

James Collier Jones, age 64 of Rt. 2, Elba, passed away at the First Baptist Hospital, Montgomery, Ala., December 18 at 12:20 A.M. Funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist Church, Opelika, on December 19 at 1 P.M. with the Rev. Donald F. Walters officiating. Burial was under the direction of Rainier's Funeral

MERRY CHRISTMAS



## Classified Ads

MEN & boys Hanes underwear, most any style available. Men's BVD underware. Economy Dept. Store, 12/9/spec.

LARGE selection of ties, belts, socks, hats for the man on your list. We gift wrap free. Economy Dept. Store, 12/9/spec.

LADIES uniforms, white, corduroy 3/4 length jacket, perfect to wear with pants. Economy Dept. Store, 12/9/spec.

BOYS cowboy boots, hunting boots, dress shoes, tennis shoes, plain, solid, stripes. Economy Dept. Store, 12/9/spec.

ARISTOCRAT gowns, robes, pajamas, slips. Very pretty colors. Economy Dept. Store,

FOR SALE - Model 600 Ford Tractor, Bush Hog, bottom plows, disc harrow, 3 point hitch. Dick Dorman 897-2394.

FOR SALE - Material some 88 and some 108 wide, shadow line \$1.00 yard, good for sleepwear; cotton 50¢ yard; bedspread material; 59¢ to 79¢; sheeting 54¢ yard, telephone 897-5121 after 4:30 p.m., 12/23/spec.

FOR REMOVAL OF OLD Houses contact J. L. Edger 897-2744 or 897-6581 after 6:30 p.m., 12/23/spec.

POODLE GROOMING - Dress up your Pooch at Misty's Pet Shop, 117 Deerfield Drive, Enterprise, Al. Phone 347-5805 for appointments, 12/23/spec.

JACKETS -- new shipment just arrived. Mens, boys and ladies. Come see, Economy Department Store, 11/18/spec.

MENS SHIRTS - Washington Dee Cee. Regular \$4.99 on special - 2 for \$9.00. Boys shirts, regular \$3.99 2 for \$7.00. Economy Department Store, 11/18/spec.

NIEN'S SUITS and sport coats by Sewell. Good selection of colors and sizes. Economy Department Store, 11/18/spec.

LADIES party hose, large selection of colors, sizes regular \$1.75, now 99¢ limited offer. Economy Department Store, 11/18/spec.

ELECTRIC BLANKETS - Special \$1.99 double bed with one year guarantee. Only a few left at this price. Economy Department Store, 11/18/spec.

LADIES pants, shorts, pants and pants tops. Knit and casual. Large selection of styles and colors. Economy Department Store, 11/18/spec.

SHOES for the entire family. Men's boots, work dress and casual shoes. Girl's boots. Economy Department Store, 11/18/spec.

MENS western cut, permanent press pants by Stevens. All sizes in stock. Made to last. Economy Department Store, 11/18/spec.

LAY-A-WAY now for Christmas. We give Q Yellow Stamps with every sale. Select now before the rush. Sears Department Store, 11/18/spec.

FOR SALE - 28" Color Console television. Slightly damaged cabinet. Regular \$574.88 now \$499. delivered. Sears of Elba, 897-2705. 11/18/spec.

Tournament last Friday, our defeated Geneva team, the opening game of the New Brockton Gamecocks in the title game on Friday. This Tiger team has more potential than the outfit hometown fans have seen in the past few years.

The golf world lost one of its greatest heroes when Bobby Jones lost his fight for life last Saturday. Jones, who overcame a spinal disease as a teenager, will be written in history as the greatest amateur player of all time.

There is no time to put off the regular forecast for the bowl games any longer. I see some "hang-up" matches developing in the Orange and Sugar Bowls, with the Cotton Bowl and the Capital "Orange Bowl" this year's second "Game of the Decade." It looks like both teams will move the football, with breaks and fifteen-yard penalties deciding the outcome. Don't

expect the Tide to possess the ball in this game as they did in the Auburn fair. Don't expect the Cornhuskers to pass it all either. At the rate, this is cold football's Super Bowl, a match between the nation's elite. Alabama 24, Nebraska 20, 12/9/spec.

BUY where your money goes the furthest. We give Q Yellow Stamps. Free gift wrapping. Save money in time. Economy Dept. Store,

LADIES WANTED - small acreage with or without house. Fairly close to Elba. Telephone 897-2834. 12/9/spec.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS -- Indian moccasins, knee high and ankle length; fringe bags and jackets, all colors. Elba Shoe Re-

12/9/spec.

MOBILE TRAILER for rent 2 bedroom, located at Powell's Trailer Court, Call 897-2204. 12/9/spec.

LOST - male Beagle 5 years old, named Spot, last seen in Elba, 12/9/spec.

WANTED - Housekeeper to live in. Two children and light house keeping, 5 day week. Call 897-2330 after five, 12/16/71.

FOR SALE - frosted wig; good quality, \$12.50/lb. Call 897-5121, 12/23/spec.

FOR SALE - Used car lot. Located on Hwy. 20, Elba, 12/16/71.

FOR SALE - 1969 Honda Motorcycle Model 90 Repair. See Gerald's TV Scrambler. Excellent condition, low mileage, priced reasonable. Contact Olen gett's Oil from expert repair, 897-5213, Gerald Chapel, 12/9/spec.

RADIO ANU TELEVISION - One 1969 Honda Motorcycle Model 90 Repair. See Gerald's TV Scrambler. Excellent condition, low mileage, priced reasonable. Contact Olen gett's Oil from expert repair, 897-5213, Gerald Chapel, 12/9/spec.

FOR SALE - twin size Hollywood bed with head and footboard. Excellent condition. Has 40 mattress set. Sell for \$25. Call 897-5069. 12/16/71.

FOR SALE - House across from Padgett's Inn, 3 bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen with built-in stove; carpet throughout. Call 897-2244. 12/9/spec.

FOR RENT - furnished apt, 2 bedroom, downtown location. Call 897-2204. 12/16/71.

FOR SALE - 1970 Malibu Chevelle Sports Coupe. Automatic transmission. A. M. radio, radio antenna, heater, air conditioning, tinted windows, gold leaf interior. Call 897-2204. 12/9/spec.

FOR SALE - 1960 Falcon, 6 cylinder. Sealed bids to be open at City Hall, January 4, 1972 at 6:00 p.m.

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## Women Rule Christmas 1885

A picture on a current Christmas card is a scene from the past. In 1885, women were most often pictured. On adult women, women appear, they were shown as the "mothers of the hearth," with their husbands, children, pets. Later, classic Greek and Roman figures came to represent the new ideals of beauty.

Mr. Prang, who published the best-known early illustration was, in part, "The Queen of the Fairies."

The model for his successful illustration was his wife, and the inscription read, in part, "This is my wife, I looked out on the feast of Stephen."

This familiar carol contains two famous men. One is King Wenceslas, who died in Bohemia in the 10th century. The other is St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, noted as a follower of Christ who, at the time of the Nativity, had been in the service of King Herod. He was permitted to see the Star and to tell Herod to serve the Child.

In 1885, fashion figures of the day were women with a typical subject: Christmas cards.

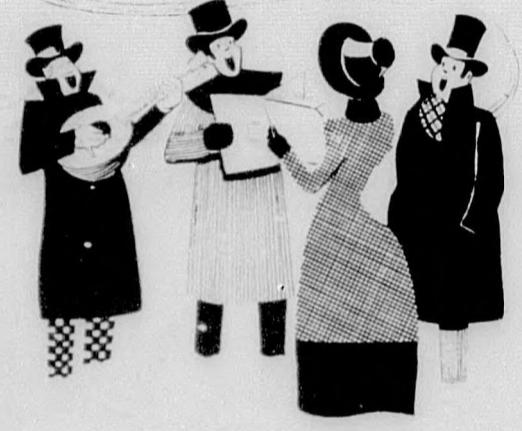
An example is a Louis Prang card from the National Historical Collection.



APPEALING FAMILY GROUP IS SUBJECT OF THE 1885 CHRISTMAS CARD SHOWN HERE. ILLUSTRATION OF THE MOTHER AND CHILDREN WITH A WOMAN HOLDING A YOUNG BOY.

**Jack VAUGHAN HARDWARE**  
ELBA, ALABAMA  
PHONE 897-2300

## Merry Christmas



We hope that during this holiday you enjoy many festive hours with loved ones. Merry Christmas all.

**FARMER'S LIVESTOCK CO-OP**  
ELBA, ALABAMA



## Good Tidings

Let the eternal light of love, the symbol of His birth, shine into every heart, bringing peace to all.

**RIVIERA MOTEL**

PHONE 897-2204

## Season's Firsts Are Traced

Shepherds watched angels sing and wise men traveled far to behold the miracle of the first Christmas.

Since that holy night a multitude of "firsts" have occurred, both religious and secular, developed as part of the tradition. Each legend was once told for the first time, and though origins of many traditions are now lost in time, other Christmas customs have been recorded for posterity.

There are historical Christmases in the records and the scientific research into the early years of Christianity as well as history, than history, the exact date of Christ's birth is not known.

Setting the Date

December 25 was first assigned as the date for the celebration of the birth of Christ in about the year 250 A.D. Since the New Testament was written as religious instruction rather than history, the exact date of Christ's birth is not known.

It's a good buy, it will also carry a warranty or guarantee.

A small electrical appliance is an excellent gift — if it is the right size and the recipient needs and will use it.

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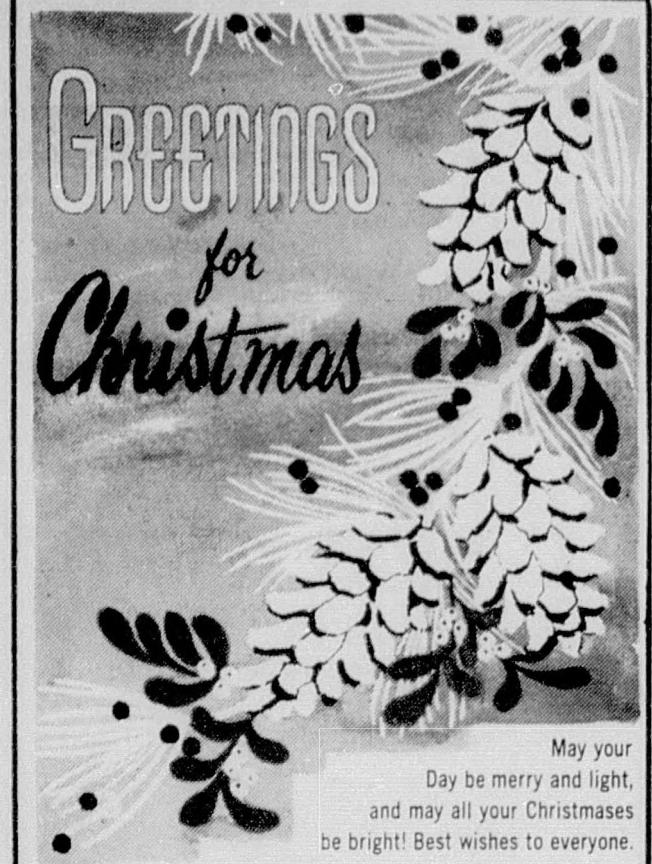
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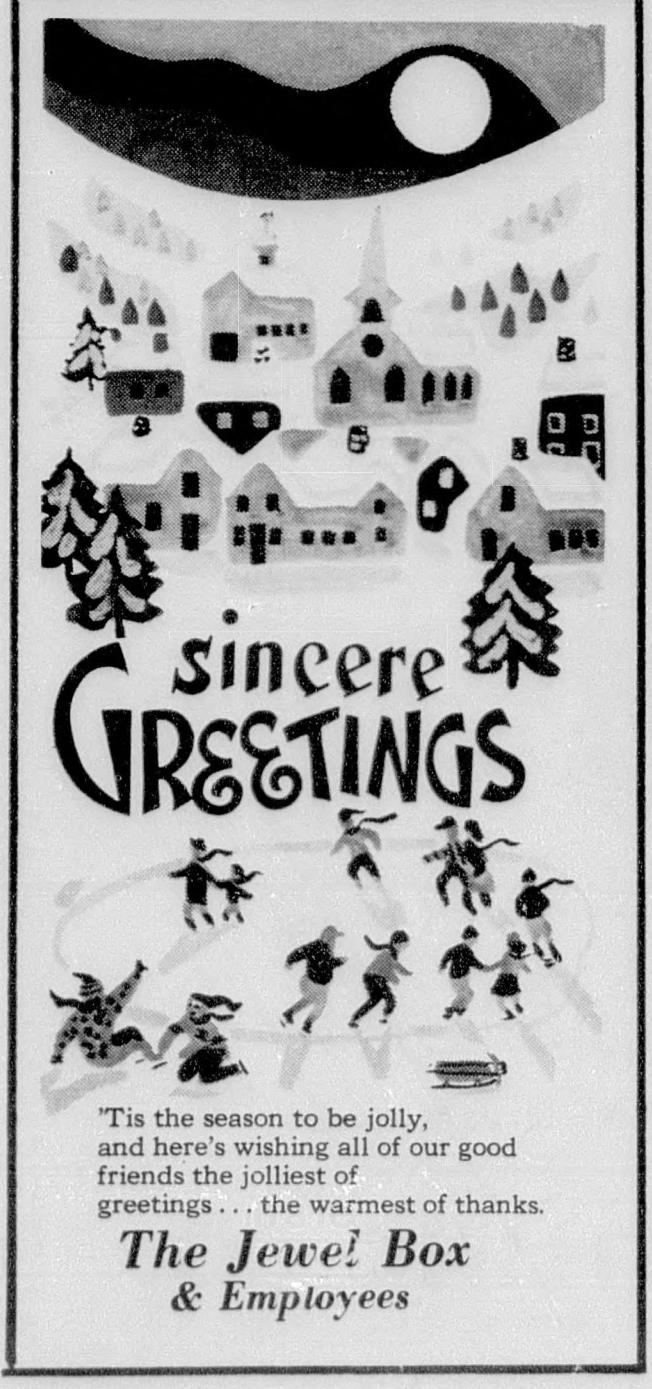


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## Cards Came Late in Yule Traditions

Many of today's Christmas traditions began somewhere in the dim past, but the practice of exchanging greeting cards is just a little over a century old.

In 1848 William Maw Egley, a "starving" young English artist, came up with the idea

of designing a Christmas card and reproducing it on pieces of pasteboard for the public to buy.

Egley's card showed a family dancing, skating, carolers, alms-giving, a Punch and Judy show and other aspects of celebrating Christmas past, and in Charles Dickens' "The Chimes," published a year earlier, he depicted him with his coat caught in the locked door of St. Paul's.

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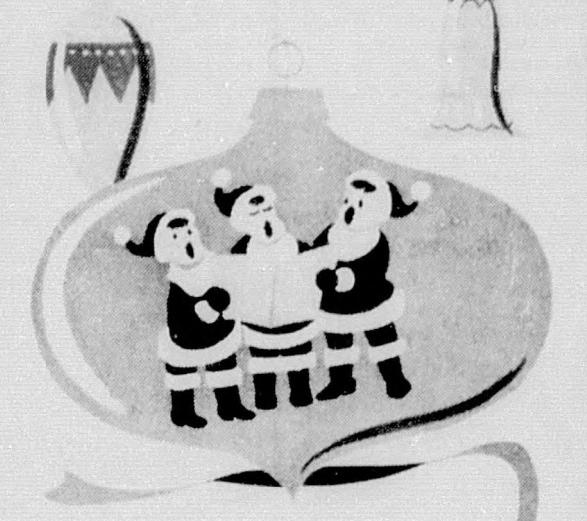
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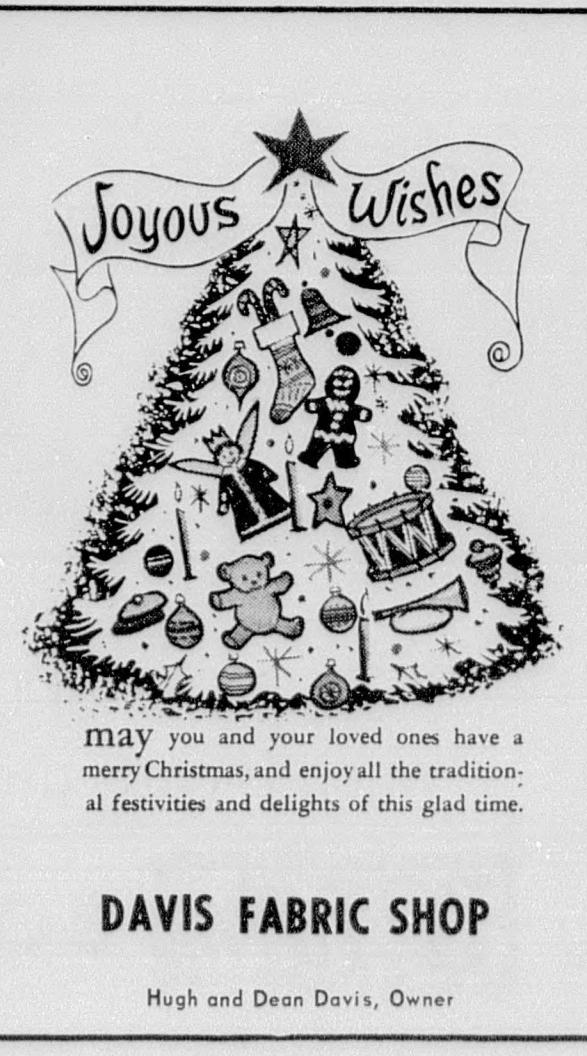
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Each and every one of our  
good friends and patrons, we extend,  
with sincere appreciation, warm  
wishes for a most memorable holiday.

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LUCILLE BOWDIN, MANAGER  
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## You Can Easily Make Simple Centerpiece

**SAFETEKEEPING**  
Keep the tree safe by keeping alert to possible dangers. If candles or open fires are lit, rejoice in their brilliancy, but guard against accidents. If children are around, make sure they don't run around the tree, or hurry from one event to another, or party to party, drive with extra care. If children have colds, remember to keep them away from the tree.

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## Legends Honor

St. Nicholas

He's the patron saint of

pawnbrokers. He watches

over mariners. Since the

fourth century, he has

been remembered for his

clever tree centerpiece.

Many of the legends

type him with a coat of

toys. But his enduring

connection is with youth

and innocence.

Another idea using him

as a pawnbroker's amulet to

keep off evil.

But his most enduring

connection is with youth

and innocence.

A size to fit over a large wide

mouth jar and tape the top seal.

With all purpose white glue, at

last, half all over the

cone. Decorate with glitter and

small ornaments. This makes a

delightful gift package.

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**Visual Aid  
Given To  
School Given**



**New Brockton  
4-H Club  
Holds Meeting**

The New Brockton Elementary School "Project Head-Start" received help from the Army recently, when doctors from the Aeromedical Research Laboratory (USAARL), Ft. Rucker, held an eye clinic at the school. Dr. Wendall Jones led the team. The song leaders led two songs.

Wendall Jones then led in the pledges of allegiance to the American Flag and the 4-H pledge. Then the secretary, Brad Corrigan, called the roll and read the minutes.

The program was on

keeping record books and project information.

for is rough refractory errors," said Maj. Braun.

"Such things as astigmatism, exophthalmia (crossed-eyes) are defects which we can correct if those people born before

the age of 65 or over have signed up for the protection it offers."

For those who already have one of these conditions, or Part B, it is not necessary to re-enroll.

Once the visual defects of a child have been found, his parents are notified, and steps taken to correct the problem.

"Project Head-Start" is

designed to give children a preparation in reading and writing for school. The children are ages four to five.

The sixth grade 4-H club

held their December meeting last week. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Linda Williams. A little story was read and then the roll was called by the secretary, Mitch Davis.

A program on Project Record Books was given by the president, D. Dean.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Officers of the club are:

President, Linda Dean;

Vice President, Raymond Hauger; Secretary, Mitch Davis; Reporter, Devane Harris.

Drivers Have

Obligation To

Do Best

Colonel Walter L. Allen, Director of the Department of Public Safety, stated that Christmas holidays are fast approaching. Therefore, it is needless to remind you of the back-breaking and bloodshed that has come to be associated with this holiday period. We all have a moral obligation to do our share as a driver, to protect ourselves and others from the usual tragedies that so often occur at Christmastime.

The Director also said,

"Let's refuse to drive a motor vehicle if we have had one drink of alcoholic beverage or if we are under any drug or alcohol drinking condition. I urge every citizen to walk and drive with due caution during this dangerous period. It is our Christian duty to be our own policemen. If we all do this, I am confident that death, injuries, and human suffering will be reduced."

Colonel Allen further

stated that State Troopers

will be working at top strength during this holiday season for your protection. Please observe your personal safety and depend on your attitude and driving habits.

During the Christmas season, when our thoughts are turned to universal hope for peace on Earth and good will toward men, we, of the Department of Public Safety, wish for you and yours a safe and joyous Christmas season.

The Program consists of four (5) hour courses and may be used as the major area of concentration for elementary teachers seeking the Masters Degree. The course offerings may also be used as electives in the Masters Degree Programs in Secondary Education, Foundations of Education and the Administration and Supervision Program.

Courses offered in the Program include instruction in establishing normal reading programs, diagnoses of reading problems, establishing remedial programs suitable to the individual student having problems, and the study and analyses of diagnostic instruments and equipment.

The program will terminate with a Practicum course affording the enrollee the opportunity to devise actual programs utilizing student case histories and the diagnostic instruments. Courses will be taught by highly qualified professors in the area of reading.

Registration is in progress and will continue through 19 December and will begin again on 28 December.

Information about the program in person or by telephone to Mrs. Mc- Culian, Dr. Venable, Dr. Grimmer or Mr. Paul.

When a forest burns so does his food. Use fire carefully.

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# E H S REPORT

## SENIOR OF THE WEEK



### ON VIETNAM AND VEGETABLE

Numbers have dehumanized us. Over breakfast we read of 40,000 American dead in Vietnam. Instead of vomiting, we reach for a toast. Going to work or school in the morning is not to cry murder, but to satisfy one's own indifference.

An equation: 40,000 dead young men equals 3,000 tons of flesh. Read 24,000 pounds of brainmatter; 1,840,000 gallons of blood; 1,840,000 years a life that will never be lived again; 1,840,000 who will never be born. There are too many starving children anyway.

Do we scream in the night when it touches our dreams? No. We don't dream about it. We don't even think about it; we don't think about it because we don't care about it.

We are much more interested in sex and money, so that American streets may be made safe while we transform the rest of Vietnam into flower gardens, where we replenish each year by forcing the sons to choose between a prison cell here or a coffin there.

The students of Elba High

Susan thinks this school would like to concur. Susan, this could be improved by having a "Senior of the Week," smaller classes.

Susan is the mother of Mr. and Mrs. George Danford.

This year, Susan's subjects are medicine, speech, My English, which include, reading, Ithology, Physiology, Chemistry, drivers and trips to movies, and P.E. After graduation, she plans to attend the Uni and this is getting up in the morning.

Susan is a member of the Science Club, Treasurer of the Beta Club, and Secretary of the Mu Alpha Tons!

**Happy Birthday,**  
**Jesus**

Christmas these days is enough to make the saintly Saint Nick say, "Ho, Ho, Ho, bug!" Why should anyone worry about mailing 573 cards when everyone is only hoping to get one in return? What about all the frustrated parents who are trying to pass along the good dolls that walk, talk, dance and do soccer, and with race cars that run up to 1/2 mile an hour and a grand total of two hours after being turned on?

As a small child that Christmas is and he'll probably say, "The day Jesus and Santa Claus were born." And what about all the turkeys and goodies we eat while

### What If...

...Dodie Jacobs made

good in biology.

...Mrs. Padgett never gave

homework.

...Jeff Birnboim and Mike

Schulman were twins.

...Butch Windham couldn't

crow.

...Gregg Brunson scored

10 points in basketball.

...Mrs. Hudson gave hard

tests.

...Jeff Wise grew.

...Willie James had money.

...Christmas holidays lasted

for 52 weeks.

...And what about all the tur-

key and goodies we eat while

we're

starving?

...Last but not least about the nice people who drink a little too much before driving home from their rich Christmas parties.

Write the Army, the Air Force, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Army and Navy hospitals, the Veterans Administration, the Office of the Surgeon General, and be surprised by what you'll learn. One agency reports 736 admissions for amputation since 1965. Another reports 3,011 amputees since the beginning of 1965. The rest is silence. Either the government doesn't believe amputees are important, or in the words of the national TV networks, "The military is sure of how many tons of bombs it has dropped, but not of how many arms and legs its men have lost."

But there are no exact figures, at least, we are getting some comparative ones.

Proportionally, Vietnam has

gotten 8 times more para-

lytus than West Germany, 3

times as many totally dis-

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You better get your

one out of every hundred army veterans receiving compensation for wounds in Vietnam.

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## Famous Writers Find New Ways to Say, 'A Ryghte Merrie Chrystmasse Toe You'

Great writers of every age since medieval times have made contributions to the various expressions and phrasings that are associated with Christmas. Such expressions as, "A Ryghte Merrie Chrystmasse Toe You" may now become archaic and the spelling quaint. But the continued exchange of Christmas cards over the years has had a strong influence in carrying on the traditional words, or greetings, associated with the season.

The very besting importance was placed on the message itself. In fact, some of the earliest cards were nothing more than a portrait of the eminent gentleman — appears to be the season and composed by famous authors were proving popular or Christmas cards.

Our first poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, with a portrait of the eminent gentleman — appears to be the season and composed by famous authors were proving popular or Christmas cards.

From the first angelic voices, "Glory to God in the Highest," the sound of voices raised with Boughs 'n' Holly is an English carol set to an old Welsh air. It refers to such secret about its popularity today. It has been translated into 120 languages, and there are more than 40 English versions.

"Adeste Fidelis"

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "Adeste Fidelis" may have been written by the 13th century writer and saint, Saint Bonaventure, but its exact origin is a mystery. There's no secret about its popularity today. It has been translated into 120 languages, and there are more than 40 English versions.

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"Silent Night"

"Silent Night" So that the people of the parish might have a song at Christmas, Father Joseph Mohr, an Austrian priest, wrote the carol, and his organist composed the music. It was sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, to guitar accompaniment.

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At this time of year, may we prescribe all that's good as we thank you, our customers and dear friends.

ELBA DRUG CO.

*Merry Christmas*

From  
The  
Management  
Staff  
and Employees

**Kleinert's**

T. C. Abraham, Elba Plant Manager

In keeping with the spirit of the season, may we extend the very best of the Christmas holiday to all... also, our thanks for everything.

**JOHNSON OK TIRE STORE**

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THE ELBA CLIPPER DECEMBER 23, 1971

## More Letters To Santa!

December 10, 1971  
Dear Santa Claus

I am 8 year old, I want a bicycle, prizes, movie projector, I ben good, Rockum-Sockum-Robot, Edd War

December 10, 1971  
Dear Santa,

I want a football tee and a B-B gun and some surprises, Merry Christmas David Ha-

December 10, 1971  
Dear Santa,

I Love you, Do you love me - - Yes ore No, Please I want a doll and a bicycle, and a surprises and a bicycle, Kay Flowers

December 10, 1971  
Dear Santa,

I am 8 years old, I want a Barbie Doll, I am 7 years old, I want a bicycle and a dress and a doll, I want a kite and gloves and a Christmas present, Merry Christmas Brenda Gall Herring

December 10, 1971  
Dear Santa,

Santa Cloud I Love you do you love me - - yes are no, Merry Christmas Faye Brunson

## Here's A Tasty Holiday Tea

PIN-BALL TEA PUNCH

2 quarts freshly drawn

1/4 cup loose tea, 15 tea-  
bags or 5 tablespoons

instant tea

1 cup sugar

2 cups cinnamon sticks

1 tablespoon grated

lemon rind

1/2 cup orange juice

1/2 cup pineapple juice

cider and let brew 3 to 5 minutes; strain. For instant tea, merely dissolve in cold water.

Simmer 15 minutes. Add syrup

from fruit or candy canes, or

orange juice or

lemon juice. Add more ice water and return to freezer until ring is formed. Unmold by running a little water over bottom of pan.

For tea leaves or tea bags, bring two quarts of water to a full rolling boil. Pour over tea,

chill and strain.

Bells contribute to the

sights as well as the

sounds of the holiday sea-  
son. They are popular

decorations and are used as

ornaments on trees.

Traditional, it is

belly inspired Clement C.

Moore to write his famous

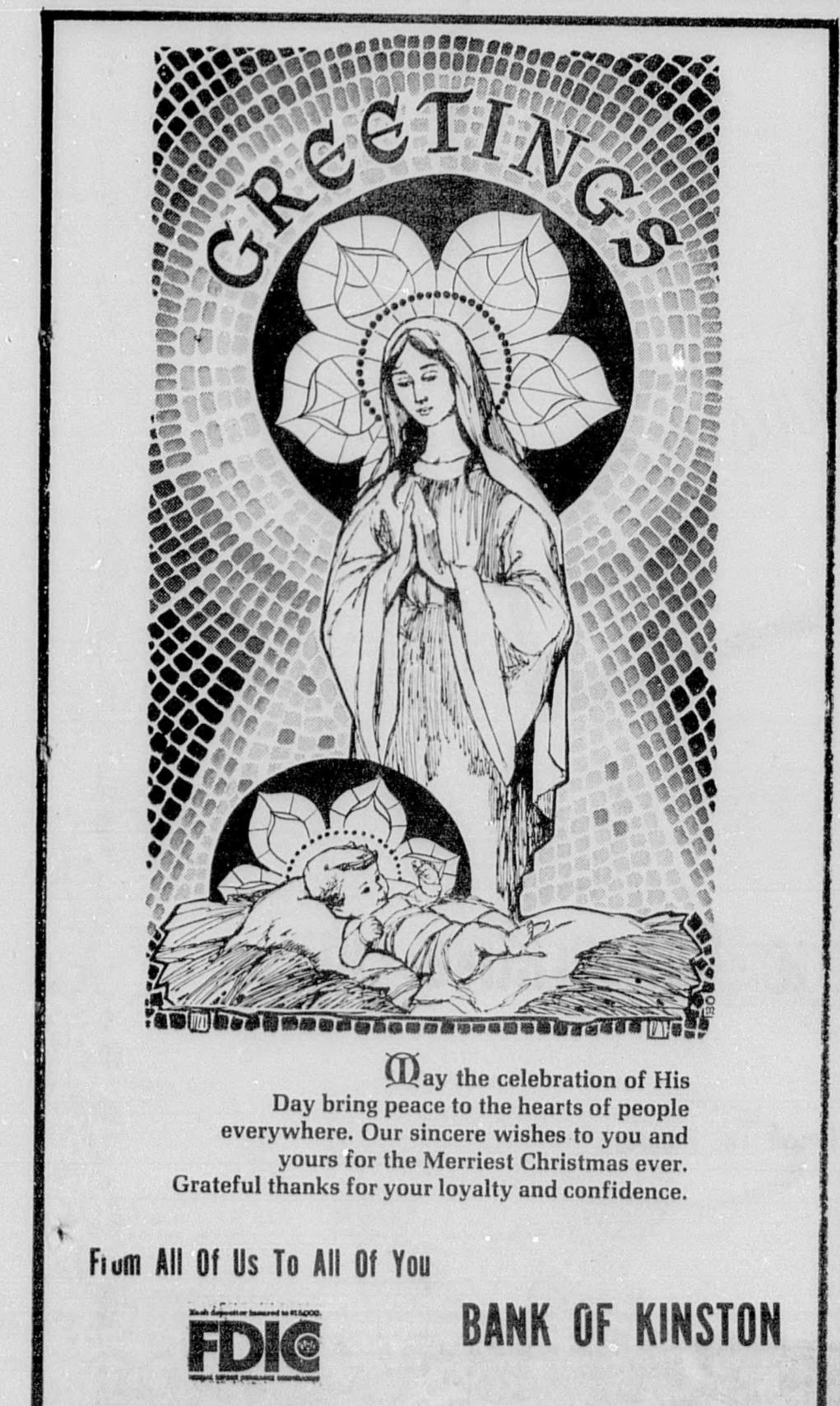
poem, "Visions of St.

Nicholas." It came from listening to the

merry jingle of bells on his horses' harness, as he drove along on a frosty winter night.

TRADITIONALLY, CHRISTMAS IS A FAMILY DAY. An old-fashioned illustration created especially for the enjoyment of the readers of this newspaper, had much in common with a modern Christmas—trees, greens, trees, flowers and, of course, a happy family gathering.

Let  
the message  
of that  
Holy Night  
light the way  
for us today,  
to the  
blessings of  
lasting Peace  
and Good Will  
to all men.



From All Of Us To All Of You



BANK OF KINSTON

May the celebration of His  
Day bring peace to the hearts of people  
everywhere. Our sincere wishes to you and  
yours for the Merriest Christmas ever.  
Grateful thanks for your loyalty and confidence.

FRED DONALDSON  
TAX ASSESSOR

GLADYS CLARK  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

ERIS PAUL  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT #1

BUSTER BOWDEN  
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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT #2

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SHERIFF

POOR ORIGINAL

Something for  
Christmas

Jed Crawford turned his back on the small gathering and went back to his foxhole. Setting aside his cigarette and looked upward at the distant hills. The Cong- undinal had. They were the enemy. Tomorrow his mission would be seek and destroy. He knew what he was doing now. He knew he was a better soldier. He would lead his men firmly, with cautious deliberation, as a good sergeant

should, but tonight he would sleep a sleep of peace. Within him the silent hate had been replaced by a spirit of quiet determination.

Jed Crawford was not a man given to impulse. He was always certain just where he would make his next footprint. He had waited for the right moment in the foxhole watching the crowd gathered on the protected hillside. He had seen the men on the hill, their eagerness, their patient waiting; the men in that set there, a bit apart from the rest. But he had never thought he wanted even a small part of it.



An old fashioned wish from us to you, dear friends. May your joys be many. And, special thanks.

Marsh Insurance Agency

Telephone 897-2981 Robert Marsh



Elba  
Custom Meats

There's A 'Rite' Way  
To Shop For Toys

Be aware of what might give children pleasure at Christmas. Knowing how to buy toys can make the difference between the successful and the frustrated Santa.

Some of the toys that you see and like. Among the appealing, amazing or even beautiful, are some that are appealing to both adults and children.

In order to avoid tears Christmas shopping should be done before the store opens the packages he for you take it home. Make sure that you buy the complete and in working order, you pay for it.

For your child's age and abilities, he wants something that he can play with or he can assemble without your help. Often toys are too complicated for the child to really enjoy.

Something For Mom  
Christmas is not the time to give Mother a needed appliance, so to have her own electric heater would be nice. She would prefer to receive something frivolous, something she could probably buy for herself. It need not be expensive, like mink or diamonds. Some other extravagant perfume or a frilly housecoat would be nice.

JOHN 15:18  
Through the ages the wisest men had sought the secret of a better way to life, a way to life eternal. The Bethlehem port Good Shepherd provided the answer for all generations when he said:

"I come that men may have life and may have it in all its fullness."



Dwight's  
I Hour Cleaner

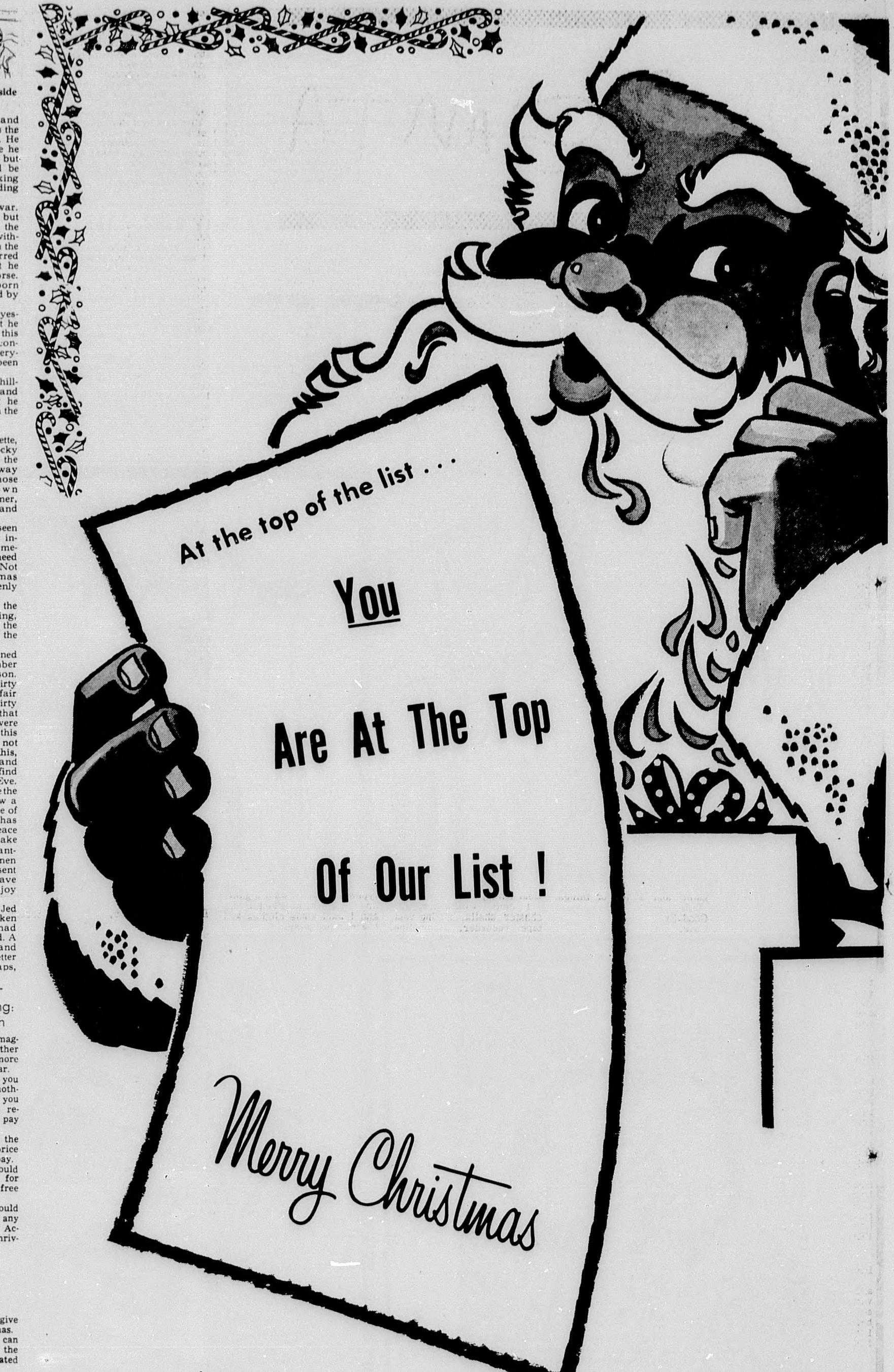
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# DEAR SANTA

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want lots of toys. I want a football suit. And a giggle shot gun. And lots of games. Santa Clause I don't want you. Jeffrey Glen Johnson

December 10, 1971  
Dear Santa  
I am 7 years old. I want some girls' boots, and I want some milk and cake and I will leave you some cookies under the Christmas tree. f like Santa. Merry Christmas Lisa Morris

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I am 7 years old. I want a basket ball, and a basket ball goal. I want an electric foot watch and I want a clown punching bag. Merry Christmas Ken Morris

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Dear Santa  
I am 7 years old. I want a light

**Happy Christmas**  
BY SCOTT MARTIN

to finish the preparations, even some of the food were left over until Christmas of next year.

Mary Scott put another pie in the oven. She planned Jack's situation was different after they had teenagers of their pealed enthusiastic when Mary suggested they gather at her "Sure, I will." He winced. "Old house there. She knew now Santa hasn't let me down yet."

"I didn't want to say 'no'." And sixteen entered you then young man. You don't get good presents when you've been ah, you sound just like a sister."

"A sister who is not going to be on that hill with your wild children. Mom some of the kids are planning a sleigh ride. Chapman Bill has asked me. Can I go?"

"When will it be?"

"Christmas night. Everyone agrees we should be with our families Christmas Eve and Christmas day."

Carols ring out... gladness fills every heart and the air is astir with the lively spirit of the Christmas Season. May you enjoy all of it to the utmost!

**Kid Stuff**  
Billy came bounding in with a bad boy.

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ELBA, ALABAMA



To our dear friends, neighbors and loyal patrons, we wish all the spirit and the joys of a good old-fashioned Christmas and extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your friendship.

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On the eve of His Birth, may the light of love and understanding shine upon you and kindle your heart with peace...and joy.

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## THE Christmas Tree...

(author unknown)

You come from a land where the snow lies deep  
In forest grand, on mountain steep;  
Where the days are short, and the nights are long,  
And never a skylark sings his song.  
Have you seen the wild deer in his mountain home  
And watched the descent of the broken pine cone?  
The stars are bright, the moon is low,  
Where none but the evergreen branches grow?  
Dear tree, we will dress you in robes so bright,  
That ne'er could be a prettier sight,  
In glittering boughs and twinkled bells,  
And the star which the story of Christmas tells.  
On even branch we will place a light  
That will send its gleam through the starry night,  
And the little children will gather there,  
And carol their songs in voices fair;  
A lovely sight you will always be...  
You beautiful, beautiful Christmas tree.

When Families Gather  
It's Christmas

Through the years, the ways of celebrating Christmas have taken on many different forms.

Today, Christmas is apt to be plastic or aluminum, rather than nature's own fir, spruce pine. The glow may be electric candle, on a tree is only a memory, replaced now by strings of twinkling electric lights.

Santa Claus comes transported only by reindeer-drawn sleigh, may now arrive by helicopter or airplane.

But in spite of changes, the essence of the season, the basic spirit of Christmas, stays the same.

Christmas is, above all, a time for togetherness and rejoicing. And a modern Christmas is more old-fashioned Christmas calls for gatherings of family and friends, with much merriment and fun and feasting.

Right now in this community, families are celebrating the holiday with just such gathering, with much merriment, fun and feasting.

Like families of yester-year, those celebrate with gifts and greens, the warmth of a glowing hearth and the gleam of a lighted tree, with stockings hung by the chimney, care and even with candles, though these becom brightly from candleholders rather than electric.

All these ways of celebrating are part of the legend and lore of Christmas.

**Exchanging Gifts**

Exchanging gifts at Christmas is one of the most time-honored of customs, and toys, dolls and games for children have always ranked high on the gift lists.

In the not so-long-ago, however, just one important present, a doll for a little girl, perhaps, and a toy ac-companiment for her brother—was all that many might expect at Christmas.

Though Santa is more thoughtful nowadays, the gifts he brings are still much of yester-year, at least one way. They reflect the interests and fashions of their time.

Dolls, yesterday and today, dress in the favorite styles of the moment. Toys, too, show the influence of current events.

Today racing cars, for instance, can be found in almost every home, while today more complex types of wheel toys take advantage of modern technological developments.

**Using Greens**

Use of greens and garlands to decorate for a festive season has been a custom for many years before the birth of Christ. The custom began with the ancient Egyptians.

Many of the customs of pagan festivals were later merged with the celebration of Christmas, and evergreens, both living and dried, from throughout the year, came to be regarded as the Christmas symbol of eternal life.



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## MORE LETTERS TO SANTA!

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Dear Santa Claus,  
Please may I have a Barbie Doll. I will leave you some cake and milk. Merry Christmas and Good Night, Vera May Henderson

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Please may I have a tape recorder and a Barbie Doll. I will leave you some cake and milk. Merry Christmas and Good Night, Cynthia Miller

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please may I have a guitar. I will leave you some cake and milk. Merry Christmas and Good Night, Donna Susan Judah

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please may I have a boots and a smarty pants, I will leave you some cake and milk. Merry Christmas and Good Night, Lisa Morris

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please may I have a electric train. I will leave you some cake and milk. Merry Christmas and Good Night, Randy Williams

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please may I have a b-b gun and a cowboy hat, I will leave you some cake and milk. Merry Christmas and Good Night, Whitney L. Barnes

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please may I have a Dare Devil Set and a half scale electric train, I will leave you some cake and milk. Merry Christmas and Good Night, Steve Cowart

Ken Owens

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please may I have a airplane and a bb gun, I will leave you some cake and milk. Merry Christmas and Good Night, Noah Lang

Molly B. Walker

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please may I have a Barbie Doll and a sewing machine, I will leave you some cake and milk. Merry Christmas and Good Night, Karen Cook

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please may I have a bicycle, I will leave you some cake and milk. Merry Christmas and Good Night, Hal Brunson

December 10, 1971  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please may I have a bicycle, I will leave you some cake and milk. Merry Christmas and Good Night, Eddie Boswell

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please may I have a bicycle, I am 7 years old, I hope you are well. My brother's names are Lee and Vic. I wish I could play football but my mother will not let me. That is why I want for CHRISTMAS. I want a pair of boots and a screaming demon and Rockum - Soekum Robot. Merry Christmas and Good Night, Jay Phillips

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please may I have a Dear Santa Claus, Barbie Doll and a Spider Please may I have a bike, typewriter and a doll. I will leave you some cake and milk. Merry Christmas and Good Night, Karen Cook

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Twas the night before Christmas  
When all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care;

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds;

While momma and papa slept soundly;

Had mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

To see if there was still more to do;

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,

Gave a lustre of midday to objects below;

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,

But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old man who bore a load like a pack,

I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,

And he whistled and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!

On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen!

To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!

Now, lay down your load, you little fauns,

With a little old man who comes not in sight,

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,

When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,

So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,

With the sleigh full of toys,--and St. Nicholas too.

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof

The prancing and pawing of each little hoof,

As I drew in my head and was turning around,

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a dash,

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,

And his clothes were all tarnished with soot;

A bundle of toys he flung on his back,

And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack,

His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;

His drill little mouth was drawn like a bow,

And the beard on his chin was white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,

And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;

He had a broad face and a little round belly,

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